

**APPROVED MINUTES
CHISAGO LAKES LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, May 2, 2022**

The Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Board of Directors met for their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2022 via an in-person meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN and a virtual meeting with the following Board of Directors present: Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **ABSENT:** None.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Subd. 3, persons interested in monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location viewed the meeting through the Microsoft Teams meeting link.

Others present, attended the in-person meeting or virtual meeting at a location of their choice through a personal device (e.g. laptop, tablet, cell phone or personal computer). Each LID Board Director and others present were allowed to view documents presented during the in-person and virtual meeting via their devices and to participate in discussion through microphones located in their devices.

Also present: Administrator Jerry Spetzman, Chisago County Water Resource Manager Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist Camden Droppo, Chisago County Commissioners Chris DuBose, and Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. staff Greg Graske and one resident.

The Chair Mike Mergens called the business meeting to order at 6:30 pm and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director McBride offered a motion to approve the agenda for the LID meeting, as amended. Motion seconded by Director LeVasseur and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Director Behnke offered a motion to approve the items on Consent Agenda for the LID meeting, including a) Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2022, b) Financial Report and c) Approval of Invoice Payments. Motion seconded by Director Schumacher and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Invoice Payments Include:

Chisago County Press	Chisago County Press Home Show insert ad.	100.00
EOR	Review channel and weir plan questions and provide comments regarding addition of lake level monitoring location,	558.00

	review snow pack data and perform water level calculations, communication with Jerry, review of board packet.	
EOR	Attend Board Meeting on March 7, 2022.	250.00
Office Depot	Cardholders for LID display	16.18
Monthly Expense Total		824.18

The Chair opened the Citizen's Forum at 6:33 p.m. No citizens offered comments. The Chair closed the Citizen's Forum at 6:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Spetzman updated the Board on the posting of the LID Administrator position on the Chisago County Human Resources webpage. The position posting closes on May 23, 2022.

Spetzman, Wilson Witkowski and Droppo reviewed with the Board the need for and request to purchase a canoe, electric motor and battery using partial LID funds along with county Water Plan funds. LID and county staff will use the canoe to conduct water quality monitoring and aquatic plant and invasive species surveys. Chisago County Commissioner DuBose suggested bringing the request to the next Chisago County Budget & Finance Committee to use federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase the canoe and equipment.

Director McBride offered a motion to allow the LID to provide funding up to \$2,500 to contribute to the purchase of a canoe, electric motor, battery and accessories for use in the LID and Chisago countywide. Motion seconded by Director Paquay and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the status of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) annual lake level gage run and calibration of gages, along with preliminary lake level readings in the LID.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the request for funding to publish annual lake level information in the Chisago County Press.

Director Schumacher offered a motion to allow the LID to approve funding up to \$750.00 for publishing up to twenty-five (25) weeks of lake level information in the Chisago County Press for 2022. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the LID Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring program for 2022.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on placing the LID display, along with Lake Association information, at the Lindstrom Karl Oskar Days festival from July 6 to 10, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Spetzman reviewed with the Board that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners approved the DNR permit renewal request for the 2016 Channel and Weir – Operations and Maintenance plan at their meeting on April 20, 2022. The DNR has received the permit request.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners will review the LID request for funding \$10,000 to treat invasive phragmites in the LID at their meeting on May 4, 2022.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners will review the LID request for removing vegetation and bogs located in the North Lindstrom North Center (NC NL) channel at their meeting on May 4, 2022. As approved by motion at the LID Board meeting on April 4, 2022, the NC NL Channel Maintenance Workgroup will decide on moving forward with removing the vegetation and bogs. The LID Board reviewed drone photos of the NC NL channel, as provided by Director McBride, and discussed options to remove the bogs and vegetation. The NC NL Channel Maintenance Workgroup will review and determine final plans for vegetation and bog removal.

Spetzman reviewed with the Board the status of the requests for quotes to complete surveys in the NC NL channel and right of entry agreements for property owners located along the NC NL channel.

STAFF & ENGINEERING REPORTS

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program for 2022, including the upcoming AIS Workshop on May 17, 2022. Droppo updated the Board on distribution of the Zebra Mussel monitoring plates and program.


Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P) planning activities, April 25, 2022 Policy Committee meeting, Annual Plan of Work progress report for 2021, and Annual Plan of Work proposal for 2022-2023.

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the kickoff for Adopt-a-Drain participation for LID and Chisago County residents.

Greg Graske, Emmons and Olivier Resources Inc., (EOR) reviewed with the Board the Spring Channel and Weir Inspection and the opening of the Lake Ellen weir on April 21, 2022.

Director McBride offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion seconded by Director Kinny and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Jill Behnke, Monica Kinny, Margaret LeVasseur, Todd McBride, Mike Mergens, Gary Schumacher and Steve Paquay. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** none.


Mike Mergens, Chair

Attest: 
Susanna Wilson Witkowski, Water Resource Manager